

## KRSMA: Kenai River Ranch Site Planning

### ***Project Summary-***

The Kenai River Ranch property was acquired in 1997 by BLM and the State of Alaska utilizing Exxon Valdez Oil Spill funds. BLM holds the Conservation Easement on these lands and the state holds fee title. The Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) have been managing the property located within the Soldotna and Funny River Road area.

In 2014 a legislative capital improvement project allocated \$35,000 to DPOR to conduct a planning process for the potential development of this property for day camping and riverbank fishing access to the Kenai River. Based on the public process conducted from January through October, 2015 both agencies determined Concept One: Conservation, to be the preferred concept. This concept would keep the Hansen house for a caretaker of the site, current ADF&G fishing regulations would stay in place, no new facilities would be proposed and both agencies would request funding for active restoration of the riparian habitat and to clean up the site. Proposed cost estimate for the restoration of the riparian habitat; \$223,300.00

The intention of the EVOS Council when acquiring this property was to *preserve and protect the property in perpetuity in order to restore, enhance and rehabilitate natural resources, including recreation, tourism, sport hunting and sport fishing, provided by those resources.*

### **Attachment:**

*Final Master Concept Plan*